

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Prior attempts at solving this problem include ~~DYNESES™~~DYNESYS™, manufactured by Centerpulse Company; CISAD™, manufactured by Mekanika Company; and Edwards rod sleeves, manufactured by Zimmer Company.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Dynesys™ DYNESYS™ is a posterior motion fixation system with polycarbonate-polyurethane and a central elastic cord. This device has several disadvantages. There is no sliding motion within the hook, screw or anchor relative to the patient's spine of the patient. The only motion occurs between the vertebral levels. The rod or longitudinal member does not change its orientation cephalad or caudad relative to the individual vertebra.